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Re: Dr. James F. Smith

I am enclosing herewith a letter of August 14, 1974, from Timothy M. Finnegan of Ed Jacob's office which is self-explanatory.

With regard to the ongoing study by Dr. James Smith, I believe the increase of \$550 per year is consistent with the requirements of today's inflation.

When I was last in New York, I talked with Ed Jacob about these requests of Dr. Smith and I requested the enclosed letter be forwarded to me for consideration by counsel. Dr. Smith is uniquely qualified in the area of oral cancer in that he is a dentist, has a Ph.D. in pathology and an M.D. degree from the University of Tennessee.

I have not personally received any word as to the results of Dr. Smith's first year on his special project nor have I received his analysis of the 1973 Public Health Service Report which Mr. Finnegan says is in first draft form.

I have been assured by Ed Jacob that Dr. Smith has done this work and that we will know about it in due course. The reason for the present urgency is that Dr. Smith wants to get his work underway before he takes temporary leave from the University of Tennessee for perhaps two years while working on an Indian reservation in Mississippi.


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Based upon Dr. Smith's unique qualification in the area of oral cancer and the representations by Ed Jacob and Tim Finnegan, I recommend favorable consideration of this request and ask that you advise me as soon as possible of your decision.

Sincerely,


David R. Hardy

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Enclosure

cc: Alexander Holtzman, Esq.
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